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APPLICANT'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY

In accordance with MPEP 713.04, Applicant herein provides an Interview Summary.

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On Thursday, April 13, 2006, a telephone interview was held with Examiner Ricci by Gerald E. Helget and Nelson R. Capes.

Mr. Helget explained the claimed limitation of claim 15 of "a substantially non-stretchable layer..." When a bowstring is pulled back by an archer under a load of 50 or more pounds of force, it is necessary that the strap for the bow string release be substantially non-stretchable. This is necessary as the strap is firmly fitted to the wrist/hand and has to repeatedly draw the bow string back at 40-70 pounds for the life of the release without stretching as to affect bow accuracy by moving the anchor point.

The Hickman patent (2,394,856) was also discussed. Mr. Helget and Mr. Capes pointed out to the Examiner that Hickman shows a two layer watch strap, but that both layers are leather, and that leather stretches. Therefore, the rejection of claim 15 under 35 USC 102(b) over Hickman is inappropriate.

The Examiner agreed and indicated that he believed claim 15 would indeed be allowable over the references and suggested that Applicant submit a proposed amendment.

Applicant submitted a formal amendment and response on April 27, 2006.

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